Our Lady of the Black Hills

September 26 & 27, 2009 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks From Fr. Mark

We are all called to be lifelong learners of the faith, always growing in our awareness, knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith. Last May, as part of the home packets for Gatherings of Grace, we included the magazine C 21 Resources from Boston College. We hope to do this again for our October Gatherings of Grace coming up on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

Below is a faith formation opportunity that came from Linda Severns, who is the Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Rapid City. There are some on-line courses from Boston College that are being offered this fall. I know in the past, several of our parishioners have taken the on-line courses, and enjoyed the learning and interaction in the virtual classroom.

The on-line course *Growing Faith: The Journey of a Lifetime, part 1* begins on October 5. Note that there are several courses offered - and there are some free self-guided mini-courses offered as well.

Growing Faith: The Journey of a Lifetime, part 1 (Oct 5-16, 2009) - A two-week workshop based on the university's recent issue of *C21 Resources* Great for parents of young children, elementary school teachers, & whole community catechesis parish communities. *Course site opens September 28.*

Additional Fall courses:

Encountering Mark, Matthew and Luke, 6 wks, (Oct 13-Nov 20, 2009)
Spirituality in the Second Half of Life, 4 wks, (Oct 26-Nov 20, 2009)
Christian Faith and Moral Character, 4 wks, (Oct 26-Nov 20, 2009)
Sacraments in Catholic Life, 4 wks, (Oct 26-Nov 20, 2009)
Teaching Religion (elementary/junior high), 4 wks, (Oct 13-Nov 6, 2009)
What Makes Us Catholic, part 1: Community, Common Good, Common Heritage, Sacramental View of Life, 4 wks, (Oct 19-Nov 20, 2009)

Fee Schedule: Two-week workshops: $35; Four and six-week courses: $75

Try a free Demo Course, view course descriptions, and register online at: www.bc.edu/c21online

Contact us: Dr. Barbara Radtke, radtke@bc.edu
(617)552-6501 or (800)487-1167.
www.bc.edu/c21online

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, September 28
Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Luke 9:46-50 (green)
No Daily Liturgy
3:00 – 7:00 pm: Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 29
Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, the archangels
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, or Revelation 12:7-12ab; Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Brendan Murphy's Birthday)
10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
4:30 pm: Lumko Group
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
7:00 pm: Returning Catholics

Wednesday, September 30
Memorial of Saint Jerome, priest and doctor
Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Luke 9:57-62 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration & Reconciliation
7:00 pm: Oktoberfest Fun Run Volunteers Meeting

Thursday, October 1
Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Luke 10:1-12 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Frank & Johna Kern)
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Potluck
7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus General Meeting

Friday, October 2
Memorial of the Guardian Angels
Baruch 1:15-22; Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (white)
No Daily Liturgy
8:30 Women's Lumko group
11:15 Bishop's Mass and Lunch at Cathedral
6:30 pm: Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Saturday Morning, October 3
Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalms 69:33-35, 36-37; Luke 10:17-24 (green)
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

Fidelity in marriage reflects God's fidelity to us.

Children: When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

Youth: What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

Adults: How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?

Saturday Evening, October3
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 2:18-24; Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 (green)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the Repose of Cheryl Holzer Rohl)

Sunday, October 4
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 2:18-24; Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 (green)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For All Souls in Purgatory)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour hosted by Knights of Columbus
10:00 am: Music Ministers Rehearsal
2:00 pm: Oktoberfest Fun Run and Dinner
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Joe Creek, Marty Jolley, Don Konechne, Curt Kosters, Sharon Long, Burton Mariner, Joni Osnes, Mary Pulaski, George Senn, Don Snyder, Sharon VenOsdel and Jim Wranek
Repose:
Fr. Jack Birdsall, Gene Kraft, Hazel Martens, Don Norman & Tita Tudtud

Collection Report
September 19th & 20th

Loose	$ 2,680.80
Envelopes	1,962.00
Votive	3.50
Student	54.59
Adopt a Seminarian	250.00
Mass Intentions	30.00
Other	1,709.50
Total	**$ 6,690.39**

Mass Ministry Schedule

Oct. 3 & 4	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Becky Wentz	**Coffee Hour:** Knights of Columbus	
Altar Servers	B. Ehresmann* Jessie Gray Tyler Trautman	Matt Van Asma* Max Lyle Olivia Lyle	Megan Czmowski* Aric Dyczek Curt Mahaffy
Precious Body	John Osnes	John Osnes	John Osnes
Precious Blood	Jacqui Blaha Jerry Silbernagel Katie Strand Cathy Wang	Dean Antonsen Mary Antonsen Kathy Van Asma Ken Van Asma	Tanya McCaskell Jan Schurman Phillip Thompson Judy Nelson
Lectors	Sue Colgan Joni Osnes	Laura Varilek Jean Schubauer	Gina Czmowski Nikki Dyczek
Sacristans	Craig & Cindy Thompson	Barb & Gary Erickson	Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Steve Colgan Charlie Cresalia	Duane Schubauer Mike Keller	Don Everson Brad McCaskell
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant

It is the grace of God that helps those who do everything that lies within their power to achieve that which is beyond their power. ~Abraham Joshua Heschel

OLBH Parish News

Contemporary Guitarist Needed

The Covenant Band is looking for a guitarist to play at Sunday evening Mass at Our Lady of the Black Hills. This person must be adept at reading contemporary chord changes, rote learning and using a capo. Selection will be made by audition and interview. Interested persons should call the OLBH parish office at 787-5168 and leave their contact information for Lorraine Ptacek.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

We will be starting preparation very soon! If you have a child that is in need of these sacraments, please contact the parish office so that we can get your child registered. We will need copies of their Baptism Certificates if they were not baptized at Our Lady of the Black Hills. After registering, you will receive a letter with an attached schedule for the whole year. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements. If you have any question you can contact Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp at 787-6398 or cdenekamp@dsdk12.net.

Information Meeting for Confirmation

An information meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4th, at 10:15 am in the parish hall for high school students interested in entering the Confirmation Class. All high school students (*including freshmen*) who are baptized and actively practicing the Catholic faith, are eligible for the class. Parents of interested students also should attend this meeting. Confirmation candidates are expected to faithfully attend Gatherings of Grace and Life Teen throughout the year. Confirmation will be celebrated at OLBH on Thursday, April 29, 2010. For additional information, contact Deacon John Osnes (787-5862).

Catholics Returning Home

Were you raised Catholic but do not come to Church anymore? Are you angry with the Church or God? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today? Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again? No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for an informal listening session and an update of the Catholic faith. The six-week series begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City.

50th Wedding Anniversary Party

Walt & Judy Wilson are celebrating 5o years together! Join us Sunday, October 11th at Our Lady of the Black Hills for Mass at 9:00 am. Open House will be from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please no gifts… prize for the funniest card, though!

Middle School Rally

Register now for discount!

October 11, Belle Fourche. Cost: $25 before September 25th, $ 35 after. Chaperone fee: $15. For grades 5-8. Mass with Bishop Cupich. Keynote speaker: Ennie Hickman, MC: Angel Dean, Music :Luminous, Special guests: Sisters and Seminarians. Mass and Adoration, Two Meals, T-shirt, Games and More! Contact Person: Teresa Thompson, 787-5168.

OLBH Oktoberfest Fun Run / German Meal

The Knights of Columbus, OLBH, annual Oktoberfest festivities, including the 5 km (3.1 mile) Fun Run and Walk on Sunday, October 4th. Registration will begin at 12:30pm in the church basement (north door) and the event will begin at 2:00pm. All participants will receive a free t-shirt, a scrumptious German meal; including bratwursts and sauerkraut, German potato salad and black forest cake. We will also have live entertainment for you from 4-6pm. All participants will also be eligible for gift certificate drawings, including turkeys. This year a silent auction will be used for certain available gift certificates. Come and enjoy some great food and family camaraderie. **Volunteers are needed** for preparation of the meal and clean up, as well as participant registration, timers, water stations, course set up and take down, and tabulation of winning times in the various categories. There will be a **volunteers meeting on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm.** Please come to volunteer and make this event a huge success! For further information on the Fun Run, call Dave Allardyce at 791-2303. For more information or questions about the German dinner, call Aaron Denekamp at 787-6398.

OVERNIGHT NET Retreat

National Evangelization Team (NET)

The Rapid City area parishes, along with Our Lady of the Black Hills are working together to host a NET Retreat for the High School Youth

Location: Blessed Sacrament Church
Starts: 1pm Saturday, October 17, 2009
Concludes: 11am Sunday, October 18, 2009

- Open to 9-12 grade students
- Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and snacks are provided
- Space is limited to the first 80 registered participants
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 11, 2009
- Suggested donation: $15
- Contact: Teresa Thompson, 787-5168

Right of Christian Initiation for Adults

On Sunday, October 18, there will be an orientation class for RCIA. We welcome non-Catholics and Catholics to this first meeting to contemplate whether they are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Community of Faith or learning more about the Catholic faith. The Gathering will take place in the RCIA classroom in the basement at 10:30 to Noon.

JustFaith

This past year there were two parishes in our Diocese, Our Lady of the Black Hills and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, that participated in the JustFaith program and seemed to be a positive and challenging experience for the participants and the parishes. I know that St. John the Evangelist in Ft. Pierre and Blessed Sacrament are starting one up this fall. We are looking for 8 - 12 adults who would be willing to be part of another JustFaith group at OLBH this coming year. If you are interested please give Fr. Mark a call or Kathy Larsen.

Diocesan News

Did You Know? - Know Your Kids' School

Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children are present that are "off limits" to parents. These types of facilities should also have a policy that welcomes parents to visit without having to make a prior appointment. The director of the diocesan Safe Environment program is Linda Severns. She can be contacted at 343-3541.

What message does an inmate want to hear?

If we had to list just ONE thing that makes jail ministry a meaningful way to reach out, it would be that the people who attend these programs want to be there. The opportunity to attend is a choice and an earned privilege. For some, this choice means being outcast by other inmates. Certainly the path to follow Christ presents unique challenges if you find yourself "behind bars." Just what are these men and women hoping to hear? One message, in particular, is sure to bring light to an inmate's eyes… Imagine for a moment that Jesus sits among us in the circle with these folks. He says, "Let me show you how important each soul is to Me. Think of Me in My humanity—I know firsthand the pull of temptation, suffering, and anguish. Now let's say that Satan offered Me every soul on earth, but one. I could escape the cross by stepping away from the chance to save this one soul—even though this one might reject Me and be lost anyway. Would I be tempted? Consider that this one soul was yours. What do you think I would say? I assure you, I said NO. My suffering was for YOU." Interesting, it's the same message you and I yearn to hear! Christ's endless mercy may be beyond our understanding, but its evidence knows no bounds, not even the walls of a jail cell. To learn more about Hope For New Life Jail Ministry, contact Tony Galles (348-2301) or Mary Sperlich (342-9343).

Friends of Luke & Martha

Sushi Night will be Sunday, September 27th. Sushi Supper will be at Our Lady of the Black Hills in Piedmont. We will meet after the 6:00 pm Mass or around 7:00 pm in the rectory. Please RSVP by September 25th to either Terry or Lisa. Fr. Mark will be showing us how to make Sushi. Come and join in the fun. Try it, you might like it. The Friends of Luke & Martha is an organization of single people. Those involved in this ministry open their door to all men and women who have never married, are separated, divorced, widowed, or are single parents. If you are between 21-55 come and join us. For more information call Terry Schroeder 341-1143 and Lisa Wattenhofer 342-2305

Heal Your Grief

This Bereavement Support Group is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Women of Faith

By request Fr. Michel Mulloy answers "What Do You Do?… A Priest's Day in the Rapid City Diocese" on Wednesday, September 30, 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Cathedral's hall (below the church) as we celebrate the "Year of the Priest." Next week the priests will be at clergy days, so we are going to prepare and pray a "Rosary for Priests". Come join women of the Black Hills area each (or any) Wednesday as we learn more about each other and our priests. Questions? Contact Carol at 716-4479.

Looking for a unique way to serve the diocese?

Family Life Ministries is recruiting married couples to serve in the Natural Family Planning Ministry. Join a team of volunteers who assist with the Christian Family Planning Seminars for couples planning to marry in our diocese. For more information, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541 or jslegner@diorc.org.

Blue Army (Our Lady of Fatima) Masses

Members of the Blue Army will be attending Mass on Friday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. First Saturday Mass will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at 718.9909.

Faith Formation for Young Adults

Diocese of RC Ministry Formation Program

An 8-week program launched from the current Lay Ministry formation program: One in the Northern Hills area One in the Rapid City area. Sessions will begin the first week in October, 2009. *(Time and place will be determined by participant's locations and needs).* **Participants must be in 20's, 30's, early 40's.** No more than 12 people in each program. Gather together once a week for 2 hours. *(Preparation for gathering requires about 20 min. each day to read and pray with the lesson and scripture).* This is not a lecture-based class, but a facilitated gathering of faith-sharing and questioning. Address inquiries to: Pat Roe, 723-0972 or pat.roe@st-bh.com

Give Me Your Wounded Heart - Healing Retreat

In just a few days, Father Richard McAlear will conduct the "Give Me Your Wounded Heart" Healing Retreat at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Please, commit to come – it is free! Bring your loved ones. This event will impact your entire life, as you will experience the liberating of your soul from life's many wounds – those on the physical, emotional and spiritual levels. The retreat will take place on October 2-4. Check the flyer (August 29/30 bulletin insert), or the poster posted on the bulletin board, or the Blessed Sacrament Church website (www.blessedsacramentchurch.org) or call Rose at (605) 342-3336 for detailed information.

Diocesan News Cont.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rapid City Catholic School System has an immediate opening for a custodian/child guard position. 25-30 hour per week position assisting with custodial and some child guard needs. Please send a letter of interest with a completed non-certified application available for downloading and printing at:
http://rccss.net/Employment-Opportunities.aspx?PN=EMPLOYMENT_OPPORTUNITIES
to: Keiz Shultz, Principal
RCCSS
431 Oakland St
Rapid City SD 57701
(605) 348-1477

Join Bishop Cupich For First Friday Mass and Lunch

First Friday Mass and lunch with Bishop Cupich will be held on October 2. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch follows in the church hall and concludes with remarks from Bishop Cupich. The $5 charge for lunch benefits the Rapid City Catholic schools.

Holy Elders

The October meeting of the Holy Elders will be on the second Thursday, October 8th, starting with Mass at 12:10 PM, followed by a pot luck lunch. The director of the Boys Club will be our speaker explaining the various programs of the club. After his report we will play our games. All are asked to bring a dish to share. Come and bring a friend, visitors are welcome.

The 2009 Diocesan Men's Retreat, October 9-11, at Storm Mountain Center!

Join Msgr. William O'Connell for this year's retreat, "WALK WITH JESUS". Retreatants will reflect on those who walked with Jesus and what they have to teach us as we walk with him today. Pre-registration required! ***Registration Deadline: Friday, October 2nd!*** Registration fee: $100. Need-based scholarships are available. For more information, contact Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

The 2009 Diocesan Women's Retreat, October 23-25, at Outlaw Ranch - Custer

As believers, we are challenged to discover the God-given dignity and vocation of women. Join Fr. Mark McCormick for this year's retreat, "BIBLICAL WOMEN - GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD", as he guides us through this journey and we become our own guides to the Kingdom of God. Pre-registration required! Registration Fee: $100. ***Registration Deadline: Friday, October 16th!*** For more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

What Are the Bishops Saying About Health Care Reform?

To read the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' position on health care reform, go to the home page of the diocesan Web site at rapidcitydiocese.org and click on the health care reform graphic. The graphic is linked to a new, comprehensive resource that features facts and statistics about Catholic health care in the U.S., Frequently Asked Questions, and ways to get involved in the health care reform issue. A statement by Bishop Cupich on health care reform is also on the home page of the diocesan Web site.

A Message from the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

"For all who struggle with pornography: That God may purify the hearts of those who sin with their eyes, that He may heal marriages and relationships harmed by this terrible plague, and that He may give priests the grace and wisdom to lead those ensnared in sins of the flesh to the freedom of Christ-centered love; We pray to the Lord."
(USCCB "Word of Life" Intercession, September 27, 2009. www.usccb.org)

Rachel's Corner

"The retreat process helped me to lay all my brokenness at the feet of Christ. I was able to ask Christ and my children for forgiveness." - **Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

If you are struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion, you are not alone. Attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and begin living a renewed life.

Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- the spirit came to rest on them (Numbers 11:27)
- Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! (Numbers 11:29)
- giving wisdom to the simple. (Psalm 19:8)
- he offers you no resistance. (James 5:6)
- you belong to Christ, (Mark 9:41)

Reflection

- What does God want for you?
- What do you want for God?

One cannot redeem oneself, pay to God a ransom. (Psalm 49:8)

If you call on God let it not be to ask for anything. For when you call upon God for aid the call you make is for him to come into yourself. What place is there into which the Lord and God can come, what place fit for the God who made heaven and earth? Is it a small thing that God himself should fill you? If he comes without silver and gold, do you not want him? Which of the things he has made can satisfy you, if God himself does not? (St. Augustine)